



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventor: Alain BOULANT Group Art Unit: 1724
Appln. No.: 10/500,848 Examiner: C. Upton
Filed: July 7, 2004
For: SIMPLIFIED LAMELLAR CLARIFIER, AND METHOD FOR
CLEANING THE SAME

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR \$1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated August 22, 2006, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this application in light of the following remarks and the attached Terminal Disclaimer.

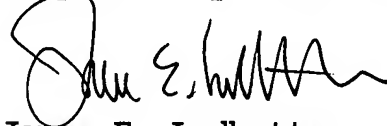
A terminal disclaimer is enclosed herewith to obviate the non-statutory, obviousness-type double patenting rejections applied to claims 1 and 3-6.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone

the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Ledbetter", written over a horizontal line.

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